modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc.

Central Government has also been sensitising the State Governments about the threat perception and activities of ISI in the country. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as for devising strategies to counter such activities. Various security agencies belonging to Union and States have been working together to check the situation.

The Uttar Pradesh Government has also set up a Special Task Force and Uttar Pradesh-Nepal border police to check activities of ISI supported and anti-national elements.

Money of Hyderabad Nizam in London Bank

4308. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Deccan Chronicle' dated ?th March, 2001 captioned "Nizam has $ 20 million in London Bank";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to bring back the money to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI LD. SWAMI): (a) and (b) A sum of 1,007,940 Pounds Sterling and 9 Shillings approximately was maintained in an account in the National Westminster Bank of London in September 1948 in the name of Nizam of Hyderabad's Government. This amount was transferred into an account in the name of the then High Commissioner for Pakistan in London on the instructions of the Nizam's Finance Minister. The funds currently amount to 24*454,350.18 Pounds Sterling approximately.

(c) Government have made serveral attempts in the past with the Government of Pakistan and the late erstwhile Nizam of

Hyderabad and his legal heirs to resolve this issue. Government's efforts continue to address this matter.

Issuing of Sub-Standard Machinery to Police

4309. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that one Manipur Police Commando who was chasing the insurgents and throwing hand grenades at them which exploded only after throwing 677 hand grenades and later on killed by the bullets of the insurgent in Manipur; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken for issuing sub-standard machineries to the police and for the sake of that dedicated Commando?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No sub-standard weapons/arms are issued to the State Police. Arms/ammunition for State Police Forces are only procured through the Ordnance Factories.

Discussion with Bodo Leaders

4310. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bodo Leaders had held discussions with the Union Home Minister recently to find ways to solve the Bodo problem; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Leaders of some Bodo organisations/associations had met the Union Home Minister in March, 2001. The discussions related to the ongoing negotiations with BLT and Bodo Leaders were informed that the discussions were progressing satisfactorily and differences have narrowed down.